1	2	3	4	5	6	7
15.	Madhya Pradesh	670.93	38.30	249.68	5.53	46.468
16.	Maharashtra	1057.40	30.70	317.38	4.95	65.580
17.	Manipur	23.25	17.30	3.95	5.78	0.696
18.	Meghalaya	24.88	18.50	4.52	5.54	0.831
19.	Mizoram	9.53	12.60	1.18	5.04	0.238
20.	Nagaland	21.35	19.00	3.99	6.07	0.668
21.	Orissa	391.21	46.40	178.49	4.76	38.135
22.	Punjab	262.57	8.40	21.63	5.60	3.939
23.	Rajasthan	629.51	22.10	134.89	6.06	22.957
24.	Sikkim	5.80	20.10	1.14	4.74	0.246
25.	Tamil Nadu	654.35	22.50	145.62	4.26	34.561
26.	Tripura	34.32	18.90	6.38	4.82	1.346
27.	Uttar Pradesh	1853.30	32.80	590.03	6.45	94.245
28.	Uttaranchal	93.05	39.60	35.96	5.30	6.952
29.	West Bengal	857.68	24.70	208.36	5.05	41.950
30.	A & N Islands	4.27	22.60	0.92	4.55	0.212
31.	Chandigarh	11.35	7.10	0.74	4.36	9.185
32.	D & N Haveli	2.74	33.20	0.84	4.84	0.188
33.	Daman & Diu	2.23	10.50	0.21	4.43	0.053
34.	Lakshadweep	0.73	16.00	0.11	6.07	0.019
35.	Pondicherry	11.23	22.40	2.37	4.52	0.557
	TOTAL:	11219.140	27.50	3017.22	5.31	571.438

Review of Wheat Import Policy

569. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether country is facing shortage in production/supply of wheat/rice and importing at present;

(b) whether Government has, so far, floated any tender to import wheat/rice;

(c) if so, what quantity and at what price per quintal of wheat/rice was imported during the last two years, till date, countrywise; and

(d) whether India being the second largest country in the world for wheat production, Government proposes to review its "wheat import policy" now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) As per the Fourth Advance estimates released by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, production of wheat in crop year 2006-07 (to be marketed in 2007-08) was 74.89 million tonnes which is adequate to meet the estimated demand of 71.19 million tonnes in the country in 2007-08. The production of rice in 2007-08 is 92.7 million tonnes which is adequate to meet the estimated demand of 90.91 million tonnes. However, in order to build up adequate buffer stocks in the Central Pool for ensuring food security of the country, decision to import wheat has been taken.

(b) Yes, Sir. The tenders so far floated are for import of wheat only.

(c) The details of the tender, quantity, and price of wheat imported during the last two years, till date, country-wise are given in enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(d) Since the Government is committed not to compromise on food security of the country, appropriate decision to import wheat will be taken as and when required.

Statement

Details of tender, quantity and price of wheat imported during the last two years, till date and countrywise

1. Wheat was imported during 2006-07 through the State Trading Corporation from Australia, Russia, Canada, Argentina, France, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungry and Czech Republic of Slovakia as under:

Sl. No.	Contracted Quantity (in lakh MTs)	Weighted Average Price in UT $ per Tonne
	2006-07	
1.	5.008	178.65
2.	7.877	191.24
3.	22.381	197.29
4.	3.292	209.65
5.	15.983	227.17
TOTAL:	54.54	204.66

2. Government has decided to import 23 lakh tonnes of wheat for the Central Pool during 2007-08, out of which orders have been placed for import of 13.06 lakh tonnes. Out of the 13.06 lakh tonnes of wheat, 5.11 lakh MTs at a weighted average price of US $ 325.59 per quintal C&F (FO) for import from Canada, Russia or any other country as per the sellers' choice and 7.95 lakh tonnes at a weighted average price of US $ 389.45 per quintal C&F (FO).

Rise in prices of pulses

†570. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of pulses namely chana, urad, tuhar and masoor, etc., have gone up in October, 2007 as compared to September, 2007;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and extent of rise in the prices of aforesaid pulses;

(c) the reason for said price rise; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.